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The Honorable Michael Guest  
United States Representative  
418 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Guest,

On behalf of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, I write to express our support for the inclusion of the MBCI Roadway Improvements Project as a Member Designated Project in this year's Surface Transportation Reauthorization legislation.

This project will provide for the repair and/or reconstruction of tribal roads on the reservation lands of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and is shown on the Tribe's approved TIP as "Multi-Road Overlay Project". The project will extend the useful life of tribal roads, reduce damage to vehicles caused by heavily damaged roadways, and promote economic development by providing safe roadways for the transport of people, goods, and services. The project will also increase safety by restoring road surfaces, which includes repair of heavily damaged pavement, replacing outdated and damaged roadway signage, including signs that no longer meet Federal reflectivity standards, and installing MUTCD-approved pavement markings on newly restored pavements. The project will also spur job creation for tribal members and local community members.

Our Tribe is willing and able to carry out this project through completion and we will be able to obligate all received funds by the end of FY 2022.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians strongly supports the MBCI Roadway Improvements Project, and we urge you to include it as a Member Designated Project in this year's Surface Transportation Reauthorization legislation.

Sincerely,

Cyrus Ben  
Tribal Chief